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Cleanup work on former Pinecastle Jeep Range continues

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District announced today that several more pieces of WW II-era munitions have been uncovered on the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site, a Formerly Used Defense Site in the Orlando area.

The munitions, eight 37-mm projectiles, two 60-mm mortars, four 23-pound fragmentation bombs, one 6-pound incendiary bomb, one 2.36-inch rocket, and one flare were **uncovered on the Mockingbird, LLC private property adjacent to Odyssey Middle School.** Removal by detonation, similar to those that have taken place in the past several months, will occur on Tuesday, March 4, at approximately 4:30 p.m. Engineering controls will be used to ensure safety and limit the noise and debris from the blast. The removal action poses no danger to people in the area.

“The munitions we are finding on site are consistent with its documented military use. Because these munitions are buried several feet or more underground, they do not pose an immediate risk to the public,” explained Wandell Carlton, project manager for the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site. “We are working hard to ensure the continued safety of the community.”

Work also has begun in the Tivoli Gardens subdivision, a portion of the Warwick subdivision, and continues on the Mockingbird property. A phased approach is being used to prioritize and address the areas that need immediate attention.

The remainder of the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site will be addressed with a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, beginning in the spring of 2008.



Safety is always the Corps' top priority. Should anyone encounter or suspect they have encountered munitions, it is vitally important that they follow the simple "3 Rs" of explosives safety: **Recognize** the item may be dangerous; **Retreat** and do not touch it; **Report** its location to the local Sheriff's Office immediately.

On behalf of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cleans up sites that were formerly used by the military. In 1943, the U.S. government leased 12,483 acres of land in Orlando (Orange County) as an off-post site of the Pinecastle Army Airfield, for use as a gunnery and demonstration range. The site was declared surplus property and all leases were terminated by December 1947.

For more information about the former Pinecastle Jeep Range, please visit our web site at www.saj.usace.army.mil and click on the Pinecastle Jeep Range link or contact the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1576 or 1-800-291-9413.

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